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The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—"The figures are taken from the charges relating to the administration of justice. The answer does not cover the Police department also."

Mr. C. V. Venkatramana Ayyangar:—"In view of the expenditure as compared with the income in the case of the Nilgiris, have the Government any proposal or any intention of amalgamating the Nilgiris with Coimbatore?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—"No, Sir. The district of Nilgiris is already within the jurisdiction of the District Judge of Coimbatore."

Rao Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar:—"May I know why the expenditure is higher than the receipts only in the case of the Nilgiris and less in the case of the other districts; and also whether the expenditure in the Nilgris is generally higher?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—"I am afraid it is a very large question and I must ask for notice."

Retirement of Mr. Fazl-ud-din Sahib Bahadur.

*676 *Q*.—Mr. B. Ramachandra Reddi: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that Mr. Fazl-ud-din, acting District Judge, was confirmed as District Judge on condition that he would immediately apply for leave preparatory to retirement;

(*b*) if so, whether such an order was due to the alleged physical defect of Mr. Fazl-ud-din that he was hard of hearing and to complaints having been made on that score by the members of the bar in different districts; and

(*c*) whether they are aware of the fact that there are other judicial officers holding identical places who are at least as hard of hearing as Mr. Fazl-ud-din?

A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The Government have received no complaints on this head in respect of other District and Sessions Judges.

Mr. B. Ramachandra Reddi:—"With reference to (*b*), may I know which Bar Association has complained against Mr. Fazl-ud-din because of his physical defect?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—"There have been complaints certainly from the Chingleput Bar."

Mr. K. Abdul Hameed Khan:—"May I know whether this gentleman had served his full term before he was asked to retire?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—"He will have completed his term for retirement when he has finished the leave he is on now."

Mr. K. Abdul Hameed Khan:—"May I know whether the Government are aware of other cases of such defects in the case of persons in the service of Government?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—"The Government are not aware of any cases of complaint on that ground."

Mr. K. Abdul Hameed Khan :—"May I know whether the Government are aware of more serious defects among the servants of Government who have not on that ground been asked to retire ?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell :—"No, Sir."

Appointment of acting High Court Judges.

*677 Q.—Mr. B. Ramachandra Reddi : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) on what considerations the recent appointments of acting High Court Judges were made ;

(b) whether it is not a fact that M.R.Ry. Sundaram Chetti Garu was appointed acting High Court Judge from last year ; and that on his reversion he was specially thanked by the bar for his valuable services ; and

(c) for what reasons the claims of M.R.Ry. Sundaram Chetti Garu for a High Court Judgeship were overlooked on this occasion, and whether it is a fact that M.R.Ry. Sundaram Chetti Garu has taken long leave for 28 months preparatory to retirement and that he has done so in consequence of what he considers an injustice done to him ?

A.—(a) Public interests.

(b) M.R.Ry. Sundaram Chetti Garu was appointed to act as a Judge of the High Court in 1926 ; the Government have no information on the second point in the clause.

(c) His 'claims' were not overlooked. He has been granted leave for 28 months but when applying for the leave he did not state that he intends to retire at the end of it. The Government are not aware that he applied for leave in consequence of what he considers an injustice done to him.

Alleged supersession of Diwan Bahadur Sundaram Chetti.

*678 Q—Rao Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) why Diwan Bahadur Sundaram Chetti was not appointed to the post of acting High Court Judge when the vacancy arose on July 18 and why his claims for such a place in which he had acted before have been overlooked ; and

(b) whether it is a fact that Diwan Bahadur Sundaram Chetti has taken long leave preparatory to retirement?

A.—(a) & (b) The hon. Member is referred to the answer to question No. 677.

Rao Bahadur C. S. Ratnasabhapati Mudaliyar :—"With reference to (a), may I know in what year the recent appointment to the High Court referred to was made ?"